

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants note with appreciation the courtesy of a personal interview extended by Examiners Duy Le and Nguyen Vo to Applicants' representative, Chien Yuan. The personal interview was conducted on August 26, 2004.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1 and 7 are amended by the foregoing amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that support for amended claims 1 and 7 is self-evident from Applicants' original disclosure, including the figures and claims. Therefore, no new subject matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

In the Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,075,982; hereinafter "Donovan") in view of Kennedy, III et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,009,330; hereinafter "Kennedy"). Claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy, in view of Walker (U.S. Patent No. 5,825,863) and further in view of Kasai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,560). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy, in view of Walker, in view of Kasai, and further in view of Alvesalo (U.S. Patent No. 5,384,824). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy) and further in view of Walker. Claims 6 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy, and further in view of Joensuu et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,966,653). Claims 7, 9, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy, and further in view of Kasai. Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy in view of Kasai and further in view of Sjodin (U.S. Patent No. 6,631,140).

Claims 10 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy in view of Kasai and further in view of Joensuu. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Donovan in view of Kennedy in view of Kasai in view of Sjodin and further in view of Joensuu.

At the personal interview, Examiners Le and Vo indicated that the foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 7 appear to overcome the art of record.

For example, amended claim 1 recites, among other features, “sending a short message including a desired destination number from the mobile device to a callback computer to initiate a call from the mobile device to the desired destination number.” The suggested combination of Donovan and Kennedy, in contrast, fails to teach this feature. As correctly acknowledged in the Office Action, Donovan fails to disclose sending a short message from a mobile device to a callback computer. Kennedy depicts a call delivery system in which a mobile unit 12 generates and send call delivery information to a platform 18, which stores the call delivery information for future use. However, the call delivery information does not include any “desired destination number,” and the mobile unit 12 does not transmit the call delivery information to initiate a call. Instead, the mobile unit 12 provides the call delivery information to the platform 18 only to allow the platform 18 to correctly route a call from one of phones 36, 40, and 44. Thus, Donovan and Kennedy fail to render obvious amended claim 1.

Amended claim 7 recites, among other features, “a callback computer configured to establish a connection between said participant and a destination number indicated in said short message by at least calling the mobile device after the participant transmits the short message to the system to initiate a call.” For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to amended claim 1, Donovan and Kennedy fail to teach or disclose amended claim 7. The Office Action turns to Kasai to remedy the deficiencies of Donovan and Kennedy with

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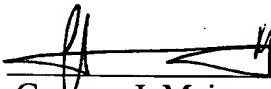
respect to claim 7, but Kasai also fails to disclose a callback computer that calls a mobile device after "the participant transmits the short message to the system to initiate a call," as recited in amended claim 7.

Accordingly, for at least the above-discussed reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that amended claims 1 and 7 are allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Further, Applicants respectfully submit that claims depending from independent claims 1 and 7 are also allowable for at least the reasons discussed above.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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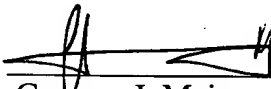

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